

# BAY VIEWS

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**November 2020**

Despite the exceptional year we have had, we managed to produce four newsletters as usual. A special thank you to all our advertisers who make this possible. We sincerely hope that you support them—and buy and use local wherever possible. We wish you all a joyous and relaxing time with friends and family this Christmas and holiday season.

## **OpenArts Inc.**

**Yes  
It's that time again!**

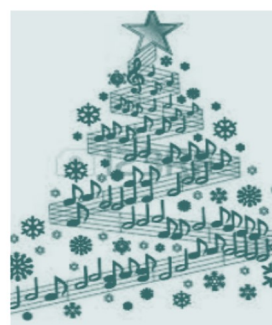
### **Our Annual Art Fair 2020**

**Friday 4th Dec 4.30pm—7.00pm  
Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th  
10am—4pm**

## **Macandrew Bay Hall**

**Always a great weekend for wonderful  
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MORE**

**Come along and enjoy an hour or two. Get  
original Christmas gifts and chat with the  
Artists about their work.**



## **Community Christmas Carols 2020**

**Sunday 13 December 7pm**  
**Macandrew Bay School Library**  
Light supper afterwards (you may bring a plate)  
Koha for charity

**Tuesday 15 December 7pm**  
**Our Lady Mary, Queen of Peace Church, Broad Bay**

**Sunday 20 December 7pm**  
**Pukehiki Community Church, Highcliff Road**  
Community supper after the Carol Service in the  
Pukehiki Hall, plus bring an item for the Food Bank

**Thursday 24 December 7pm**  
**Christmas Eve Carol Service**  
**Portobello Presbyterian Church**



## Library News

We have gratefully received \$5000 this year from The Otago Peninsula Libraries Trust. Now for a big "spend-up"!

We have also been given, by a local family, a large number of very interesting and recent children's books.

We would welcome new members: still only \$5 a year subscription.

Hours: Wednesdays 5.30 to 7.30pm

Fridays 2.30 to 4.30pm

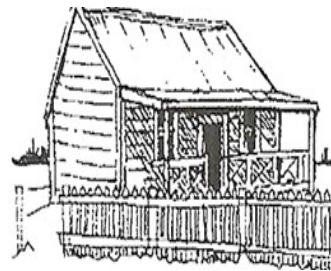
and the last Sunday of the month 4.00 to 5.00pm

The last opening for the year will be 23rd December

Re-opening late January



## The Otago Peninsula Museum News:



It's been a busy year at the Museum with lots of projects being completed and some ongoing. Thanks to all our great Tuesday morning and Sunday afternoon volunteers. You help make a difference. As a thank you the Committee will cook a barbecue lunch at the Museum for our volunteers. We have had a couple of car club groups visit and had their lunch in our Barn. They have thoroughly enjoyed their visit. If you want to contact then you can email us at [theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com](mailto:theotagopeninsulamuseum@gmail.com)

The Museum, in Portobello, is open every Sunday 12.30-3.30pm.  
Come along and support local

# Macandrew Bay School

Simply the Best for our Children

This term seems to be whizzing away and Christmas will be here before we know it. We have been busy at school enjoying lots of Athletics sports this term. The whole school took part in the Peninsula Athletics Day at the Caledonian in Week 2. Since then large numbers of senior children have qualified for the South Zone and Otago Athletics Champs and they have thoroughly enjoyed being outside doing sports. A great effort from all involved.

We all enjoyed a fabulous and funny play from the visiting Playhouse Theatre group set in Antarctica a couple of weeks ago. This term has seen lots of technology learning going on with the children designing things to help sustain people and our planet as well.

Some of the Junior children are finding out about reducing food waste through establishing a community fruit and vegetable stand located at the school, if possible. Community fruit and vegetable stands are popping up all around New Zealand, giving people a place where they can leave their excess produce for others to help themselves to. These little roadside structures are making a real difference in the fight against food waste by creating local sharing spaces for people to pass on food they don't need. Created by Mark Dennis, the idea was to provide an avenue by which people could share excess produce from their gardens with their neighbours. Hopefully we will soon have our own produce sharing stand at some stage next year.

The big excitement around the school over recent weeks has been preparing for our school Fair coming up on Sunday the 29th November. The Fair starts at 11am and goes till 2pm. We are really looking forward to seeing the whole community catch up with each other down at the school. There will be plants, toys, books, cakes and baking, as well as good quality second hand clothing on sale. We also have entertaining family fun activities, including a bouncy castle slide, chocolate wheel, sponge throw, balloon darts, rides on Little Flick, and face-painting. You can buy lunch at the fair as we will have a large range of delicious food for sale including sausages, burgers, our famous lentil patties, bacon butties, waffles, freshly made ice cream from Hannes and Melanie at Titi restaurant, barista coffee, and tea, coffee and scones in our staffroom cafe. We are happily receiving donations of toys, books, plants and good condition clothing prior to the fair so get in touch if you are wanting to re-home some of these things.

We are hoping for a calm, sunny day and a large crowd so hopefully we will see you all there on the 29th!

Thank you as always to our community for their ongoing support of our school in 2020. We feel very lucky to have such a great community standing behind us and we strive to be a real community school in our lovely harbour-side home.

Bernadette Newlands, Principal

## Portobello Food Trucks

Every second Sunday of each month

10am—2pm

Coronation Hall Car Park

Portobello



Portobello Community Inc in conjunction with the Food Truck Markets present monthly Sunday Food Truck Markets. Entertainment and a great selection of food. Hall will be open on a wet day. Support this initiative so we can incorporate future big stall holder and market days.

Christmas opening hours

Tuesday to Friday  
12pm—4pm

Saturday and Sunday  
1pm—4pm

Closed 25 December—5 January

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !



## OpenArts Inc

Would like to thank all the Peninsula Community for their support for their Exhibition "Let's Talk Peninsula" and the support of their Charity—The Dunedin Wildlife Hospital—held at the Otago Art Society Gallery at the Dunedin Railway Station from Sept 5 - 12.

They would also like to thank:

The Dunedin City Council, The Peninsula Community Board, Fulton Hogan, Hereweka Garden Retreat, Natures Wonders, Portobello Hotel, Jan's Dolls, Arts Content, The Albatross Colony, Port to Port Cruises, The Otago Peninsula Trust— and all the speakers who unselfishly contributed their time to our Lunchtime talks. THANK YOU ALL!

## Christmas Opening Hours Bay Surgery

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Last day in Macandrew Bay will be half-day on Thursday 24 December

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Tue, Wed and Thursday (both weeks) 9—2

Monday 11 January 9—5.30

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Jenny, Patrick, Angela, and Yennie

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Christmas Greeting to you all from the Newsletter Group ladies: Lynne Aldridge, Colleen Bond, Lyn Dowsett, Sue Pierre and Linda Seddon (Editor)

# Otago Peninsula Trust Update

We encourage you to discover the fantastic experiences on your doorstep



We are excited to let you know that Glenfalloch has recently relaunched and is

**OPEN:** Wednesdays – Sunday 8am to 4pm

(Unless fully booked for a private function)

The interior space has seen some changes; we hope we have created a cosier café vibe. On a good day, you have the choice to dine inside or out on the expansive deck area, which integrates with our beautiful garden space.

Enjoy a cup of coffee complemented by delicious friands, cakes, pastries and cabinet food all freshly created here. Also enjoy choices from our brunch/ lunch menu or sample a platter designed to be shared. Our beverage list includes a selection of local wines and craft beers.

Good food in beautiful surroundings in a place we want our community to enjoy.

- Children's menu available
- Dog friendly (leash please) water provided.

**We look forward to seeing you soon!**

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The Great Glenfalloch Growing Competition is here! Come and pick up your seeds from the Café, during opening hours, from November 12<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>. \$2 to enter and free for Trust members. Judging will be part of a family day in the garden, in early February. Feed your family and compete at the same time. Enter today!



Soaring above!

We have had a great start to the Albatross breeding season with so far 25 eggs laid. The first egg was laid on the 4<sup>th</sup> November. Three nest sites are visible from our observatory, the closest nest site being approximately 20 metres away. One hundred recorded, individual birds have been sighted. We are seeing lots of comings and goings as more birds are returning, especially on those windy days.

Mates Rate tours are still running until the end of November 2020. Tours are scheduled on the hour from 11:00am until 6pm for both our Albatross & Unique Mates Rate tour.

*Reservations online or call 03 478 0499*



Superb Viewing!

Visitors are seeing over 150 (some nights 200+) penguins coming ashore each evening. Tours currently start at 8:45pm. Half price family deals are available on weekends.

(Pukekura Blue Penguins is a joint venture project with the Korako Karetai Trust)

*Reservations online or call 03 478 0499*



A look into the past

The spring garden has started to bloom at Fletcher House, and the heritage and banksia roses are a highlight. The garden complements the delightful fully restored 1909 return-veranda villa, which was fully restored in 1991 and opened to the public by Sir James Fletcher, the son of the original builder.

Open for guided tours Saturday, Sunday, and public holidays 11am – 1pm





## News from Larnach Castle

The lead up to Christmas has started. If you are looking for a more leisurely way to do your Christmas shopping why not come up the hill and explore what is available in the Gift Shop. New stock is arriving daily and there is always something interesting and different from what you might find in town. There are no parking or traffic issues to worry about and once you have had a good look around the Gift Shop you can reward yourself with refreshments in the Ballroom café. If you are really stuck for present ideas think about a Larnach Castle gift voucher.

We also have a great range of Castle grown plants with something for any size or style of garden.

**Christmas hours** We will be open for garden and castle tours over the Christmas period. The only alteration to our normal service is our café will be closed on Christmas day unless you have a prior booking. There are limited spaces left for the Christmas buffet lunch.

We are planning an **Autumn plant fair** to be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March. If you know of anyone who sells plants and may be interested in having a stall, please email [deborah@larnachcastle.co.nz](mailto:deborah@larnachcastle.co.nz)

The success of the 'Loyal Local' pass has been wonderful. We are extremely thankful for all the support from local residents and have decided to extend this offer indefinitely, as well as our 'Kids go free' offer.

**Christmas work parties.** Have you left it too late to plan your end of year get together? Check out the event page on our website. There may be space left for the Mistletoe Madness Christmas event or the Naughty Christmas show. Alternatively enquire about a private dinner in one of the historic dining rooms for your group.

Next year the Castle celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> year. 1871 was the year that building commenced. Next time you visit look above the front door as you go into the foyer and you will see the plaque William Larnach erected to celebrate his achievement. We are on the hunt for any stories associated with the Castle, or any images there

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**4 Conway Street, Macandrew Bay**

Our families have welcomed the spring with planting and watering a variety of seeds. We have been watching the amazing transformation of seeds germinating and growing shoots out of the soil. It's great to see fascinated faces and plenty of happy helping hands getting dirty working with the soil.

Our babies are really taking part in the world around them. They're noticing everything and are so keen to communicate and interact with us all. Our one year olds are joining in the older children's play and then trying out new things like knocking objects off tables for fun and watching what happens. They are copying other people's ideas and experimenting with their own ideas too. They look up feeling proud, sharing joy and developing trustful relationships with others around them. One of our one year olds climbed up the playground slide all by herself and then worked out how to get her body into position to slide down.

In colourful sunhats, the children get stuck into their work in the sandpit. They can open the cover of the sandpit by helping each other and working together like a real team and enjoying pride in doing it totally by themselves. Some children line up toy work vehicles and have conversations about the different types of work they do. We have noticed the children from Broad Bay have been studying the road workers as they dig sand with toy diggers and trucks and move it to another spot.

Water play is our tamariki's most favourite activity at playcentre. Very often the tamariki enjoy creating dams using dinosaur toys, sand and other equipment to stem the flow of water down a chute to a collection pond. Some children make a start and very soon after everyone collaborates. Some fetch and fill containers with water and carefully carry water to the top of the chute. They like to collect cups building a collection of same sized containers and fill them with wet sand ice-cream. They negotiate play items between each other by offering an interesting toy to swap with. The children are cooperative and fully engaged, experimenting and problem solving.

Painting and collage are other highly enjoyable activities at playcentre. Some of the children work at covering all of their page or collage with paint. They use their hands to move the paint around and then smother the paint all over their hands covering every bit of skin. Some spread their transformed coloured hands onto their parents hands like a relaxing peaceful massage. Just as well playcentre supports messy play. We really know how to wash our hands well now. Lots of friendships are forming between the children and they are enjoying each other's interesting ideas and ways of playing.

Recently we had an Annual General Meeting and members were treated to high tea to say thank you for everyone's help with running the centre. Every playcentre member is part of a Parent Cooperative and their input is really valued. Thank you to you all.

Come and join in the fun. Macandrew Bay Playcentre sessions are on Tuesdays and Fridays 9am -12 noon. You may chance upon our singing as we prepare for our visit to the Montecillo Rest Home to sing Christmas songs to cheer one and all.



Persian culture is a blend of many influences from Turkey to China, via the various Silk Routes and their delicious food is part of that mix.

My ex-students, now friends, Sara and Majid, took my husband and I to Iran nearly 2 years ago and the only danger we ever faced was over-eating. It

was a fabulous trip. They took us to many historical places and shared 2 family weddings with us.

Now Sara is about to open a café and take-away place with a Persian flavour and a delightful décor. It is called Noosh and can be found in Hillside Road on the corner with Surrey Street.

It opened to the public on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. As expected, you can find all the familiar treats like good coffee and café style sandwiches, salads and baked goods but with a Persian twist. Some dishes you won't find anywhere else in Dunedin such as Persian stews with rice, the specialty saffron chicken kebab and Koobedeh (ground lamb) kebab, Pide (a Middle Eastern open pizza) and of course the well-loved honey Baklava. There are also gluten-friendly options. Give it a try!

Anne Pentecost,  
Macandrew Bay Library

OPBG is pleased to announce the appointment of a new OPBG manager, Mathew Montgomerie (Montie). Montie's first day was November 5, on which he managed to pick a rare clear, still day to tour the Peninsula. May his good luck and judgement continue into his new role. Possum control on the northern areas of the Peninsula using toxins has finished for 2020. OPBG staff are now busy setting up a network of traps to continue the slow mopping up process. Two new trap technicians are soon to be appointed to help maintain the trap network. OPBG staff and volunteers have established a new trap line at Otakou and will continue to set up traps in people's back yards, where possible.

Young possums (joeys) that have been growing in pouches over winter and early spring will be spending more time riding on their mother's back until they reach independence towards the end of summer. Over October-November possums will be eating Kowhai, Pohutukawa, Eucalyptus, Willow, Poplar and gorse flowers, with an added protein boost of bird's eggs and nestlings.

A roadkill possum was recently reported on Portobello Road between each end of Marion Street. We had received reports previously of a possum living in the area but hadn't been able to catch it in a trap. A big thank you to whoever did the job for us. So, if you see, hear or run over a possum, please report it at [possums@opbg.nz](mailto:possums@opbg.nz).

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## SEEK WEEDS AND TERMINATE

Who you gonna call? The SWAT team. And they came to find, what the leader described as, 'one of the worst infestations of banana passionfruit (BPF) that they had seen'. Hearing this was a little embarrassing as I had already cut a number of vines and thought I was on top of the problem... how wrong I was.

One problem area in particular was a steep, 'gnarly,' area of vine, gorse and hawthorn, that I had avoided as I reckoned it was too tough to control. Not so, for the SWAT team. Armed with loppers, hand saws and a wee bottle of herbicide each, the 5 of them disappeared into the tangled wilderness. Two hours later, after the call to smoko, they emerged for a cuppa... and delicious cake courtesy of Fiona, one of the team.

But our situation here at the end of Hereweka St is not unique... The SWAT weed team has worked with 5 local landowners over the past three months, and further infestations are in their sights.

Some of us may think, what's the problem with banana passionfruit? The fruit is tasty and the flowers are really pretty. That's true but possums and birds also really like the fruit and spread vine seeds far and wide. It is widespread in Marlborough Sounds and becoming a real problem around Otepoti / Dunedin. If left unchecked BPF can climb up to seven metres in large trees and smother establishing native plants.

If you really like passionfruit, there are many far more tasty and non invasive varieties available to grow in your garden. We all need to do our bit to get rid of the invasive banana passionfruit vine, a native of South America that was first noticed in NZ in 1950s.

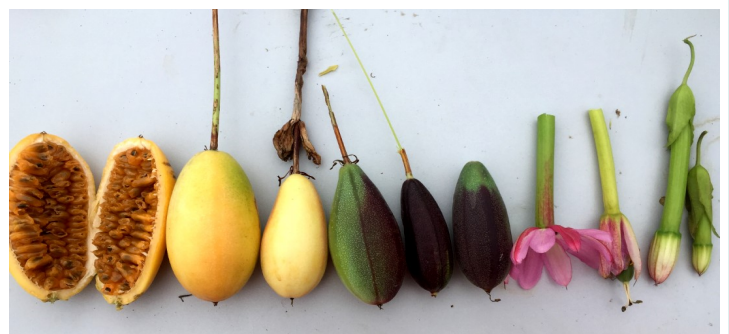
Back at our place, the results of the SWAT team's efforts over 5 half day sessions (128 volunteer hours) is now really obvious. Lots of passion fruit vines are dying off in the kanuka. And the great thing is that it will not regrow. Even big vines, some the size of your forearm, will be gone forever, following an application of herbicide on the freshly cut stump.

I will miss the SWAT team coming back, for their great work and interest in our regenerating bush and proliferation of birdlife ... and Fiona's baking.  
Peter Hayden

The SWAT team is out and about every Friday morning in their orange hi-vis vests.

Do get in touch if banana passion fruit vines are a problem at your place and you would like a hand to get rid of them. Please contact Marcia Dale on 021 485 001 or email

[imaginarycrayfish@gmail.com](mailto:imaginarycrayfish@gmail.com).







A few key changes have seen the Macandrew Bay Boating Club turn around a worrying trend and brought about a resurgence. They were the Yachting New Zealand Club of the Month. Keep reading their article .....

[Ross Whitburn doesn't mind admitting he might have had a little moisture in his eye last season and it wasn't because of any irritating dust that might have blown down the Otago Harbour.

The Macandrew Bay Boating Club commodore was peering out over the bay one Sunday and counted up the number of boats being used. "We had 16 boats out there," he explained. "I nearly shed a tear. It was just fantastic. All the boats were being used, which is exactly what we want."

It hadn't been that long ago the club was in jeopardy. They still had numbers but there was a concerning trend.

"Our average age on the start line was about 65, which is good but it needed to change," said Whitburn, who has been involved with the club since he was a child and had a stint as commodore 25 years ago. "The club wasn't going to survive. It was going to be a case of the last person left, turn off the light switch".

"We had to have the youth. If you get two kids, you get four parents and you can get the parents involved. All those parents have a lot of skills as well and it opens up more opportunities. If you get your culture right, your club is going to survive and kids will want to sail for life. If you get it wrong, it won't."

One of the key changes was hiring a club coach, Polly Wright, and she was backed up by Ollie Gilmour for half of the season. Previously this had been done by parents and committee members but it was clear to Whitburn that this model needed to change.

"We're not the right generation to be coaching these kids," he said. "We're all old fuddy-duddies. The kids relate better to younger coaches. It's worked really well. "It was seen by some as a risk to pay someone to coach but we made the commitment. You have to make it work."

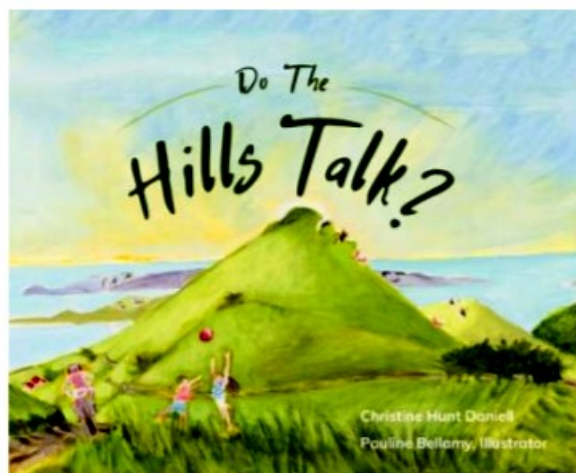
It certainly has on the evidence of last season. The number of juniors and youth sailing at the club doubled and they've recently added four O'pen Skiffs and four RS Fevas to their fleet to provide different options. The interest from potential and returning members has the club looking for a second coach for the upcoming season.

There's still a mixed focus at Macandrew Bay, with a healthy smattering of senior members in mostly Sunbursts and Lasers as well as a few paddlers and canoeists. As they say in their marketing, they're situated on the "sunny side" of Otago Harbour and cater for a "range of sailing and boating interests" among the small community.

They've also recently added a new rescue boat, to replace the 50-year-old one previously in operation, thanks to \$50,000 from the Lottery Fund for Community Benefit related to the 2021 America's Cup. And next month the Dunedin City Council will install a new pontoon to replace the one damaged and removed six years ago.

Whitburn said the advice and guidance from Yachting New Zealand regional support officer Ian Gardiner had been invaluable in reinvigorating the club and was excited about what lay ahead.

"We just want to grow the club, we want to be in front of it, we don't want to be last. None of this is rocket science. If you get the basics right, it's going to happen. ]



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The swimming pool at Macandrew Bay School is available to be used during the summer holidays. Keys can be obtained from the School.

Cost \$90 if not on the water-testing roster. \$60 if you join the water-testing roster. There is a \$10 refund when you return the key.

If you wish to join the roster, you need to complete a form at Macandrew Bay School. The opening of the pool to the public is reliant on these great people who test the water three times daily. The more people on the roster, the lighter the load.

More information will be available from the school in December.





## SAVE THE OTAGO PENINSULA (STOP)



The 2020 planting in the Smiths Creek area of the Hereweka Harbour Cone Block is now finished, but the work of releasing to ensure that trees planted in previous years get plenty of light and do not have grass competing for nutrition and water, will continue for the next few months.

Save The Otago Peninsula (STOP) Inc Soc regular volunteer working bees occur on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday starting at 9.30am for two to three and a half hours duration. More volunteers always welcome.

(On Tuesday and Sunday we work in the Smiths Creek Catchment on the Hereweka Harbour Cone Block. Meet at the far end of Bacon St in Turnbolls Bay.)

Fitness required – you need to be able to walk across an uneven paddock. Tasks tailored to your level. If you can garden then you can assist. Bring your own gardening gloves or we can supply those and any tools needed.

For more information contact Lala:

Email [stopincsoc@gmail.com](mailto:stopincsoc@gmail.com)

or Mobile (text only) 027 875 6020



Tena Koutou everyone

The new road extension is being so well utilised. It's great to see a steady stream of people using it. This comes with a small reminder to be courteous whilst cycling, walking or running on this wonderful addition to our low road. If you are on a bike don't sneak up on people. Maybe yell out or use your bell if you have one when approaching others, especially if they have little ones or dogs with them as they can be unpredictable.

In regards to crime matters, things weren't so good last week. There were two burglaries up on the High Road and some thieves tried to steal wood from an address in Macandrew Bay a few weeks earlier.

On the High Rd near Pukehiki a copper hot water cylinder was taken in the early hours of Tuesday morning and the same day, later in the afternoon, a male was disturbed on a property near Pukehiki. He stated he was looking for scrap metal. Please look out for a small Silver Ford KA. It is one of those bubble type vehicles (quite small). If this vehicle is seen round acting suspiciously please call it in. If you have scrap metal lying around, please put it somewhere out of sight or locked away.

With the end of the year nearing and the festive season approaching it is a good time to remember some simple things. Don't give thieves any opportunity to take your property. Make sure it is securely locked away, out of plain sight and if it can't be, then it should be well secured. Things like petrol cans on boats are easily taken in seconds. Cars that are not locked are easy targets for these crooks. I can hear you saying, "But I haven't locked my car for years". Well that may be true, and we could get away with it years ago. But not today. Things have changed, and it only takes a tick to lock your vehicle. Criminals need an opportunity, location and commodity to complete their wrong doings. If you take away one of these, they simply can't.

My traffic focus for the coming weeks is Speed and Motorcycles. Unfortunately, 4 people last week were pushing the limits a bit too much for my liking.

The Warrant of Fitness and Registration amnesty due to Covid-19CC finished on the 10th of October. Please get your vehicles road legal, you have had heaps of time.

Take care of yourselves and look out for your neighbours and loved ones.

Have a great festive season and stay safe by making good decisions, especially around work functions and driving home after a couple of drinks. It's just not worth it.

Until next time (the new year), take care.

Aaron (Smith)

Call 111 for emergencies

Use 105 for police non-emergencies

## Justice of the Peace in Macandrew Bay

Te Kāhui Pou Whakatau Ture o Aotearoa

Lyn Dowsett 476 1260, 021 144 7329

Linda Miller 476 1833

John Price 476 1559, 021 636 533

Service desks at the various centres will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. At the main DCC library there will be a service desk in place on December 23 and 30, 10-12.30 to mitigate the unavailability of other centres.

If you are interested in becoming a JP, you can check out information at the website for the Royal Federation of NZ Justices Association or talk with any JP that you may know. It is a great community role.



His worship the Mayor, Aaron Hawkins officially opened the Vauxhall to Macandrew Bay section of the Peninsula Connection on Sunday 11th October, 2020 with a celebration barbecue in Macandrew Bay at 11am. Here is what Mayor Hawkins said .....

"It's an honour to be here to officially open this section of the Peninsula Connection.

It's wonderful as a parent of a young child to be able to stand with the local community this morning and celebrate a significant milestone in a project that keeps our Peninsula tamariki – and everyone else who uses this road – much safer.

I'm often reminded that one of the catalysts for the Peninsula Connection project was a request back in 2002 from local parents who wanted a footpath wide enough for two prams to fit alongside each other. In the years since, many others have expressed concerns about the narrowness of the road as well – local children who couldn't walk safely to school; cyclists who feared for their lives; and emergency services who have retrieved motorists from the harbour after 'coming a cropper'.

So, this project clearly delivers for all road users. It also provides local residents with more transport choices, especially for local trips. It helps encourage cycling as a viable commuting option, as well as recreational walking and cycling for residents and visitors.

We've already seen a large increase in the number of people walking and cycling along the route, and feedback from the community to date has been very positive. People can now walk to destinations they could not safely access before.

From what I've heard, the new shared path proved to be an especially popular asset during the COVID-19 lockdown. It allowed people to get some fresh air, exercise and interact with other members of the community – all from a safe distance, of course.

The positive impacts of enabling more community connections should not be underestimated. The section of shared path we are opening today is around 4.4km long, with a not insignificant price tag – some \$26m. And it's money well spent. With the highest number of users, this section provides the greatest safety

Some 3,800 truck and trailer loads of fill have been used to widen the road. Around 1200 concrete separators have been put in place to help keep pedestrians and cyclists safe, while 9000 new natives have been planted to further beautify the area. The work is truly stunning.

There are many people who deserve thanks for making all that possible.

Thanks once again to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency – and all Dunedin residents for funding the project. (With work well underway on the other side, we're staring down the barrel of a truly world class asset).

Thank you also GHD for the design and to Fulton Hogan, the contractor, for your sterling work on construction, and for your engagement with the community.

While traffic delays during construction can no doubt be frustrating for some, your good humour and friendly interactions with the community and other road users has helped to allay any major concerns.

Most of all though, thanks to the local community – mana whenua, local schoolchildren and other residents who have made their voices heard, and to Otago Peninsula Community Board members past and present for your advocacy.

In particular the various assembled Board Chairs past and present: Paul Pope; Irene Scurr; John Bellamy; and of course the Deputy Mayor, now Councillor Christine Garey.

As I'm sure many of you are aware, work has already started on the next section from Company Bay to Broad Bay. But today we celebrate the completion of the Vauxhall to Macandrew Bay section.

Thank you all for coming. I trust that however you arrived here, your journey was safer and more enjoyable than it was previously!"



As the year nears its end, it is time to not only look back, but also to look forward. This year has seen the completion of the Portobello Road Connection Project between Vauxhall and Macandrew Bay. It is already a well used asset to our community, and with the completion of the Broad Bay section in mid 2021, commuting from the city to Portobello, by car, bike or on foot, will be a much safer and enjoyable experience. We look forward to celebrating this milestone next year.

There will be some pedestrian crossing safety improvements implemented in Macandrew Bay where the current crossing is, and also Marion Street opposite the beach area. Designs and time frames are yet to be confirmed, but we will keep you informed on these changes.

After a lengthy absence the pontoon finally got replaced at the Macandrew Bay Boat Club. It is yet another asset which will be well used by the community for many years to come. With Summer holidays approaching we expect you will get a lot of enjoyment from using this facility for all aspects of water activities.

The DCC Long Term Plan 2018 - 2028 is now open for submissions. Consultation on the Draft Plan is likely to be March/April next year. We want to encourage you to submit on the things which are important to you for the future of our city. We will follow up in the New Year on this important process and we will be making a submission on behalf of our community, so your input will be appreciated.

The members of your Community Board wish you all a safe and happy festive season, and look forward to working for you again in 2021.

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# Talent in the Bay

If you went to the recent Open Arts exhibition at the railway station, you would have seen Heather Chapman's remarkable painting cleverly depicting work on the new Portobello Road walkway. This painting deservedly won the Premiere Award. It powerfully achieves Heather's aim of paying tribute to the people who not only did an amazing job, but also showed respect and positivity to road users. As a landscape artist, this was a real challenge to her, but the result is a wonderful piece of pictorial history.

Four years ago Heather Chapman moved to Macandrew Bay from Akaroa with her partner, writer Jane Chetwynd. Years before, both women gave up successful professional lives to pursue their dreams. Jane was Professor of Public Health at the Christchurch School of Medicine, but yearned for her own piece of the bush and to live in harmony with the elements. She purchased and totally restored a dilapidated farm house on the 165 acres of gorse-ridden, cloud-shrouded hillside 2,000 feet above sea level on Banks Peninsula. Heather was the Deputy Principal of a North Canterbury school and had a similar dream. She was an artist and a keen, energetic creative gardener. When she met and visited Jane on the farm after the house had been restored, she immediately had great ideas for helping Jane develop the property. Together they planned and planted hundreds of native trees and plants. Heather could visualise each area and created a series of different gardens with connecting pathways. Cloud Farm took a lot of time and amazing effort.

Heather loved art and as a teacher would always use it as a medium to inspire children. She would happily take other teacher's classes for art whenever the opportunity arose, but never had time to seriously pursue it just for herself. At Cloud Farm, Jane designed and had built a studio heated with a pot belly stove so Heather had her own amazing solar powered, light-filled painting space encompassing dramatic views. The ever-changing light and scenery high up on Banks Peninsula, inspired Heather. She loved the trees, the coastal views of the sea, the clouds and the snow drifts in winter. This was the beginning of her new career.

Work on the farm never stopped with gardens and paths to create and visitors to take on tours of the property, but Heather always found time to paint and Jane to write. Akaroa Township was only a ten minute drive away and had a real community spirit. Heather and Jane were involved in a wide variety of local community activities even performing skits on stage in the local hall.

Eventually, Heather and Jane moved from Cloud Farm into Akaroa. After seeing Heather's paintings, Lorraine Quinn, who worked in the local art gallery, persuaded her to have a solo exhibition. Much to Heather's amazement and joy every painting sold. Then the Christchurch earthquakes happened. The big cruise

ships were redirected to Akaroa. Catering for thousands of tourists changed the community completely. Heather and Jane found their privacy being constantly compromised, so after much soul searching they decided to move. How lucky are we that they found exactly what they were looking for here [on the Peninsula].

Currently, Heather is exploring Otago landscapes and trying a new style inspired by the short film about Pauline Bellamy, *In Plain Air*. When we met for this interview, she had just returned from spending three days painting in the Rock and Pillar Range near Middlemarch. Armed with her easel, paints and water bottle, she ecstatically recalled how quickly five hours flew by and how rejuvenated it made her feel. I really love the paintings that I saw when I visited their house. Heather's vibrant personality and love of life is reflected in her work. I wanted to feel the trunks of the trees and the freedom in the painting of a girl on a bicycle flying up a hill with abandonment made me smile. Jane's book *Cloud Farm* is an absolute favourite of mine but that is another story. I am just happy this dynamic duo are part of our community.

Lynne Aldridge

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### The Historic Pukehiki Church

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- 1. Any donation** will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged.
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Donations can be made direct to the Pukehiki Church Trust's bank a/c number **03-1729-0010590-000**, while at the same time emailing your name, phone contact, donation amount, and whether a tax receipt is required, to [church@pukehiki.nz](mailto:church@pukehiki.nz).

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For further enquiry contact [church@pukehiki.nz](mailto:church@pukehiki.nz)  
or Derrick Railton on **021 923 577**.



## Broad Bay School

Yesterday we had a lovely visit from representatives of Canon NZ, who presented us with the Canon video camera and project funding that we won through the 2020 Canon Oceania Grants program! We are very grateful for the community support that helped us to earn this grant. We will create a 3D model of Broad Bay and the Otago Harbour that will connect with the oral histories of our local people through QR codes. We can't wait to start collecting the many stories of past pupils and other community members. If you have information, stories, photographs, or anything else that you would like to contribute towards this project, we would love to hear from you. Please visit our website, [www.broadbay.school.nz](http://www.broadbay.school.nz) to fill out our simple online form, or contact us at the school office.

We extend a warm and heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our recent book rummage. We greatly value the input of our families and community members who helped to organise the event, donated books, plants, and baking, and/or came along on the night. In terms of the amount of money raised, it was our most successful rummage to date, and, as always, a very enjoyable community event.

Have you seen our amazing new multi-sensory path? It is the latest fantastic addition to our playground and the students love it. If you are in Broad Bay in the weekend or during the holidays, please come by for a play!



**The Duck**  
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Macandrew Bay

The Duck Café will be opening on the 8th of December in Macandrew Bay. We are excited to bring you excellent coffee, a simple and tasty breakfast/lunch menu and lots of cabinet treats (yes, we're making scones!) to fuel your day!

Open Tuesday - Sunday from 7am. We can't wait to see you all.

The Duck Team





***We started off the season with 11 children participating in a very successful 3 day coaching clinic in the September school holidays.***

***We are still adding to our club yacht fleet through grant funding. The last one was for two more O'pen Skiffs purchased with a much appreciated grant from The Lion Foundation.***

***The other great news is that the pontoon is back in the water after quite a few years absence. This was constructed by Careys Bay Marine Services. A big thank you to them and to Peter McGrouther at the DCC, and Paul Pope and the Otago Peninsula Community Board for getting this in the water. I'm sure the whole community will appreciate it being back in action.***

***Sunday morning kids learn-to-sail began on the 18th October and 12 kids have signed up for this so far.***

***We have put our faithful old Rescue 1 for sale on Trade-me, if anyone is interested the listing number is 2837366618.***

***Our storage shed is pretty full and the community will have noticed we have placed a container on the side of the blue shed to store our new Rescue 1 in.***

***On Saturday 14th Nov we had perfect weather and a great turn out for our Principal Day. Thanks to everyone who sailed and those who helped to run a successful day.***



GLENFALLOCH

Glenfalloch Cafe is open. After having a cup of coffee with friends on the day it opened, I went round a week later to have a talk with Rohan Dhamija and Samuel Vaughan, two of the staff there. Samuel comes from a past with experience in cafe culture that includes a spell with Lion Nathan and fine dining. Rohan holds a Master of Tourism from Otago University and has worked in both tourism and catering. The head chef is Scottie Low.

With an increasing knowledge of the history of Glenfalloch and its place in the Macandrew Bay community, they spoke of bringing comfortable and affordable cafe culture to the area. They are, of course, hopeful of establishing regular local customers, who enjoy having their coffee or tea in the beautiful surroundings of Glenfalloch. Plus there is a vision of bringing the city dwellers out to enjoy the food and drink. With the walking and biking so easily available now, there is a good likelihood of this. They love the connection to the harbour that the Portobello Road brings to the city and the local area.

There are many memories that abound about Glenfalloch and they have heard some of them from their visitors in the first week of being open. They are very keen to be part of new memories coming into being with this new venture from the Otago Peninsula Trust. While there were some mistakes made during the first week of being open (having to hide the chagrin in the kitchen but returning with their front of house face in place again), they are keen to have feedback from visitors and open to ideas of food people would like to see available.

The cafe is open Wednesday through to Sunday from 8 am to 4 pm at the moment, but they are hopeful that another chef will be found soon to take on evening dining. Perhaps a 2021 New Year resolution.

Reservations: 03 476 1006  
or [restaurants@glenfalloch.org.nz](mailto:restaurants@glenfalloch.org.nz)

## Did You Know?

- ⇒ It has been observed that dog poo is being kicked into the harbour rather than being picked up and removed to a refuse bin. This is a polluting as well as illegal situation. Many adults and children swim and play in the harbour and it is up to all of us to keep that water as clean as we can.
- ⇒ Dog-owners are reminded that there is a container of plastic bags on the pole adjacent to the crossing from the beachside to the bus-stop side.
- ⇒ It is not helpful to feed the seagulls in the Bay because they have been seen snatching food and attacking children.

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